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1. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

GOV THAILAND'S NE B"RDER DISTRICT CLOSES SCHOOLS FOR WK DUE MOUNTING TENSION BETWEEN LOCAL RESIDENTS, 70,000 VIET REFUGEES. NO VIOLENCE REPORTED BUT POLICE SAY NUMEROUS CASES ARSON/VANDALISM OF VIET SHOPS DURING PAST WK (UPI, NYDN).

RT-WING THAI LEADERS SAY NO GUARANTEE HANOI WILL HONOR PROMISES NOT EXPORT REVOLUTION; FEAR ARMS WILL FLOW FROM VN TO THAI INSURGENTS. RTG SPLIT UP TO CABINET LEVEL OVER ESTABLISHMENT DIPL RELS WITH VN, THO MOST OBSERVERS SEE MOVE AS UNCLASSIFIED

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NECESSARY, INEVITABLE. THAI-VIET RELS CORRECT, BUT WARY (BALTO N-A 8/26).

2. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

73 VIET REFUGEES WILL LEAVE MALAYSIA FORUS VIA BANGKOK (WP).
SO FAR US HAS ABSORBED OVER 1000 VIET REFUGEES FROM MALAYSIA
(AP, SUN).

3. MALAYSIA/ASEAN

CANADIAN FONMIN MACEACHEN GIVES GOM 7.5 MILLION DOL LOAN,
705,000 GRANT FOR ECON DEVELOPMENT. SAYS CANADA ACTIVELY
SUPPORTS ASEAN (REUTER KL).

4. PACIFIC ISLANDS

AMB GRAHAM MARTIN PICKED BY PRES AS AMB-AT-LARGE TO CONDUCT
NEGOTS ON FUTURE POL STATUS PAC IS TRUST TERRITORY; WILL
NEGOTIATE WITHCONGRESS OF MICRONESIA (AP, PHONQ).

5. NEW ZEALAND

PROTESTS PARALYZE WELLINGTON HARBOR AFTER ARRIVAL US NUKE-
POWERED FRIGATE "TRUXTON." DOCKERS, HARBOR BOARD EMPLOYEES
STRIKE FOR DURATION VISIT (REUTER WELLINGTON).

AUCKLAND BEGINS RUN OUT OF GASOLINE/BEER DUR STRIKE INDUS-
TRIAL WORKERS/DRIVERS PROTESTING GOVT'S WAGE FREEZE/ANTI-
STRIKE LEGISLATION (UPI WELLINGTON).

CARTHEW (CSM) REPORTS GONZ GETTING TOUGH ON FISHING RIGHTS,
PREPARED DECLARE 200-MI ECON ZONE UNILATERALLY IF LOS CON-
FERENCE BOGS DOWN. MEANWHILE MOVES AGAINST FON FISHERS BY
IMPOSING HEAVY VISITOR'S CHARGE ON BOATS CALLING AT NZ
PORTS; MEASURE AIMED SHOW NZ NOT PREPARED HAVE WATERS EX-
PLOITED BY FON NATIONS W/O GETTING RETURN. NEW POLICY WILL
PRIMARILY AFFECT USSR, TAIWAN, JAPAN, US VESSELS, BUT SOVI-
ETS MAY BE MAIN TARGET SINCE HAVE SHOWN INTEREST IN EXPAND-
ING FISHING IN SPAC, ESTABLISHING FISHING OPN BASED ON TON-
GA.

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6. KOREA

HAK TOLD SFRC EXEC SESS THURS US WILL REPLY FAVORABLY TO NK
PROPOSAL DIVIDE JSA, BUT PERHAPS WITHSOME VARIATION. TOLD
PRESS LATER BELIEVES NKOREANS UNDERSTAND MURDER 2 OFFICERS
UNACCEPTABLE TO US; THUS BEHOOVES THEM DEVELOP PROCEDURES
GIVE US ASSURANCES WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN. SAID MAC WILL MEET
AGAIN FRI. TOLD PRESS UNAWARE OF ANY HELP RESOLVE SITUA-
TION BY PRC/SOV (WP; REUTER, WASHINGTON).

UNC SAID FRI MAC WILL MEET SAT, DISCUSS NK PROPOSAL; US
ORIGINALLY ASKED FOR MEETING FRI, AGREED NK REQUEST FOR
24-HR DELAY (REUTER, SEOUL).

NK CHARGED THURS BOMBING PRACTISE RUNS OVER SK BY B-52S, WHICH DESIGNED FOR NUKE MISSIONS, ARE "VERY GRAVE AND PRO-

PROVOCATIVE ACT" (UPI, NYT). IN SEPARATE BROADCAST CHARGED US INTENDS USE PANMUNJOM INCIDENT AS EXCUSE FOR DIRECT MIL CONFRONTATION WITH NK (UPI, SEOUL; AP, BALTO N-A 8/26).

KOREAN TENSION SEEN EASING AFTER US/NK TALKS AT MAC. US/ROK OFFICIALS BELIEVE "IT'S ALL OVER", BUT US/SK FORCES REMAIN ON ALERT (AP, BALTO N-A 8/26).

ROK OFFICIALS BELIEVE EVENTS AT COLOMBO CONF INDICATE MAY BE LAST YEAR NK CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AF-ASIAN NEUTRALS, PUSH CAUSE AT UNGA. SUGGEST NEUTRALS WISH STRESS ECON DEVELOPMENT. CONCLUDE SK/WESTERN WORLD WILL HAVE NO MORE TROUBLE THIS YEAR THAN LAST, IF AND WHEN SHOWDOWN ON KO-REAN ISSUE FORCED AT UN (BALTO N-A 8/26).

ASSYMAN KANG MUN BONG ARRESTED WED, ON SUSPICION TOOK 75,000 BRIBE FROM BUSINESSMAN. RETIRED LTGEN JAILED AFTER RESIGNED SEAT. ARREST SURPRISED MANY. NO POLITICAL MOTIVE SUSPECTED, OBSERVERS FEEL PARK MAY USE CONFRONTATION WITH NK BEGIN ATTACK ON CORRUPTION AS MEANS DEMAND NATL UNITY. KANG APPOINTED TO ASSY BY PRES (NYT SPEC 8/26).

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PRC WITHDRAWS SOME MEDICAL TEAMS SENT TO TANGSHAN AFTER LAST MONTH'S QUAKE DISASTER; CHINESE ALSO ANNOUNCED TANGSHAN'S LARGEST IRON/STEEL PLANT RESUMED PARTIAL PRODUCTION DESPITE "GRAVE DAMAGES" (UPI CHITRIB, WP).

CCP NEWSPAPER ACCUSED TENG HSIAO-PING TRIED "USE CHRMN MAO'S GREAT PRESTIGE TO TURN PUBLIC OPINION IN FAVOR OF AN OVERALL RESTORATION OF CAPITALISM." NCNA SAID ARTICLE PREPARED BY "MASS-CRITICISM GROUPS" AT PEKING/Tsinghua UNIVERSITIES (AP, NYT 8/26).

8. HONG KONG

OFFICIAL DEATH TOLL IN RAINSTORM 21. RESCUE WORKERS DIGGING THROUGH MUD/DEBRIS, MORE FEARED BURIED (REUTER, NYT).

9. PHILIPPINES

MARCOS HELICOPTERS TO CAMP OLIVAS FOR MEETING WITH BUSCAYNO, CMDR PHILS COMMUNIST GUERRILLA MOVEMENT. AFTER 1 HR SECRET CONFERENCE, MARCOS TOLD PRESS "I GUESS THIS JUST ABOUT ELIMINATES THE NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY." PRES ALSO PROMISED SPEND LESS ON SECURITY, MORE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (NYT SPEC;

UPI WP, PHINQ, CSM).

17000 OUT OF 40000 FILIPINO NURSES IN WORLD WORK IN US;
THEIR INTEGRITY WILL BE DETERMINED BY FATE 2 FIL NURSES
CHARGED WITH MURDER 5 PATIENTS, POISONING 10 OTHERS IN
MICH VET HOSPITAL. PHIL NURSES ASSN SAYS CASE ALREADY PRO-
DUCED ADVERSE EFFECTS IN US: SOME HOSPITALS NO LONGER AC-
CEPT FIL NURSES; SOME PATIENTS REFUSE ACCEPT MEDICATION FROM
THEM (BALTO N-A 8/26).

10. JAPAN

DIET CMTE PROBING LOCKHEED SCANDAL REJECTED JOINT OPPOSITION
DEMAND THURS TO CALL TANAKA, NAKASONE AS WITNESSES (AP, NYT)

FUKUDA/OHIRA SAID WED HAVE BROKEN OFF TALKS WITH MIKI; DE-
MANDED "FINAL DECISION," PM REFUSED GIVE ANSWER. SOURCES
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SAID MIKI WILL REFUSE QUIT (PHINQ). MIKI SAID AGAIN WED
WILL CALL SPEC DIET SESSION TO ENACT REVENUE BILLS NEEDED
FINANCE JFY 76 BUDGET (JAMESON, LAT 8/26).

NYT PRINTS CHRONOLOGY LOCKHEED CASE. NOTES PRINCE BERNHARD
RESIGNED THURS FROM ALL POSTS, AFTER GOVT REPORT CHARGED
HAD "UNACCEPTABLE" RELATIONSHIP WITH FIRM. DETAILS 12.6
MILLION DOLLAR ILLEGAL PAYMENTS JAPAN, ARRESTS 18 FORMER GOVT/
BUSINESS LEADERS, INCLUDING TANAKA. BALTO N-A (8/26) SAYS
SCANDAL LIKELY HANG OVER JAPAN'S HEAD MANY MORE MONTHS.

JAPAN/PRC THURS SIGNED AGREEMENT IN TOKYO TO SET UP PRIVATE
SHIPPING OFFICES IN EACH OTHER'S CAPITALS. MITSUI OSK, KA-
WASAKI KISEN SEEN WEIGHING JOINT MISSION PEKING TO NEGOTIATE
MAJOR FREIGHT RATE INCREASE (JOC TOKYO).

INLAND STEEL BLAST FURNACE BEING BUILT INDIANA HARBOR. WILL
BE BIGGEST IN US WHEN FINISHED 1978. NIPPON KOKAN PROVIDING
MUCH MODERN TECHNOLOGY, WILL HELP FIRM OPERATE FOR YEAR AF-
TER FINISHED (KNS, SUN).

HIROSHIMA OFFICIALS REMOVED STICKER FROM CENOTAPH. CARRIED
HST NAME, READ "PLEASE SLEEP QUIETLY. WE WILL NEVER MAKE
SAME MISTAKE" (PHINQ).

UPI REPORTS WEAK QUAKE JARRED IZU PENINSULA THURS, 70 MILES
S TOKYO..

CSM'S ATKINS SAYS CHOFU ALL STARS DRAW CROWDS EVEN AT
WARMUPS FOR LL TOURNEY WILLIAMSPORT, PA.

11. JAPAN/MALAYSIA

UPI (JAKARTA) REPORTS JAPAN AGREED THURS LEND INDONESIA 90 MILLION DOLS, TO HELP FINANCE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER PLANT NEEDED FOR ASAHAN ALUMINUM SMELTER N SUMATRA.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

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LAWRENCE (JOC 8/26) WONDERS AT HANDWRINGING OVER JAPAN'S TRADE SURPLUS, BUT "SCARCELY A THUMB TWITCH" OVER GREATER 6.3 BILLION DOL TRADE SURPLUS FRG RECORDED IN 1ST-HALF. ALSO NOTES FRG HAS 2 BILLION DOL CURRENT ACCT SURPLUS, IN CONTRAST JAPAN, WHICH BARELY IN BALANCE. ASKS WHY NOBODY SCREAMING, "IF ONLY IN JAPANESE?"

FERRICK (PHINQ 8/26) PROFILES PEN PALS RUTH DRESCHER/FUMI ISHIKAWA, WHO HAVE CORRESPONDENDED SINCE 1927, FINALLY MET OTHER DAY IN HARRISBURG, PA.

JAMESON (LAT 8/25) NOTES FUKUDA/OHIRA DISBANDED INCONCLUSIVE CAUCUS LDP DIETMEN TUES, AFTER 90-MIN MEETING WITH MIKI. NOT CLEAR WHAT DISSUADED THEM FROM "RESOLUTE ACTION" THEY THREATENED AGAINST PM MON.

MALCOLM (NYT 8/26) REVIEWS PM STRUGGLE STAY IN OFFICE. NOTES MIKI-NAKASONE FACTIONS MET WED; AGREED "WORST OVER", THO STRUGGLE WILL CONTINUE. SAYS OLD TANAKA FACTION ALSO MET, DENOUNCED SO-FAR INEFFECTUAL FUKUDA/OHIRA EFFORTS OUST PM. RECALLS MIKI DEMONSTRATED SURVIVAL ABILITY OFTEN ENOUGH IN 32-YR DIET CAREER. NOW HAS BROAD PUBLIC SUPPORT/ ALMOST UNANIMOUS EDITORIAL ENDORSEMENT, OFFERS LITTLE EXCUSE FOR RIVALS OUST HIM.

REP REUSS (WISC) THURS RELEASED 8/24 LETTER TO AMB TOGO THAT PROTESTED JAPAN "RIGGING" YEN RATE IN ORDER INCREASE EXPORTS AT EXPENSE OTHER NATIONS. STATED HOME-DISTRICT FIRM HARLEY-DAVIDSON HAS LOST MUCH OF US MARKET TO JAPANESE COMPETITORS WHO BENEFIT FROM "ARTIFICIALLY UNDERVALUED" YEN (NYT).

ROWEN (WP) NOTES REUSS LETTER COUCHED IN "UNUSUALLY STRONG LANGUAGE"; CHARGED JAPAN VIOLATING INTL AGREEMENTS BY KEEPING YEN CHEAP; ARGUED EXPORT GOODS SOLD AT DISCOUNT HURT DOMESTIC CONSUMERS, BECAUSE ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO SOP UP INFLATIONARY PURCHASING POWER IN JAPAN. CITES EMB OFFICIAL DEFENSE THAT GOJ INTERVENES ONLY TO SMOOTH OUT ERRATIC FOREX MART FLUCTUATIONS; H-D SALES LOSS MAY REFLECT CONSUMER PREFERENCE.

JOC'S CULLISON, IN TOKYO, CITES RECENT STATEMENT BY BANK
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OF JAPAN GOV MORINAGA, THAT FOREIGN CRITICISM OF YEN RATE "SOMEWHAT EMOTIONAL", BUT SHOULD BE WELCOMED IF SHOWS REAL STRENGTH OF JAPANESE ECONOMY.

13. CHINA

MORTIZ (CSM) STATES POST-MAO FOPOL ISSUES WILL INCLUDE QUESTIONS: SHOULD PRC RELAX HOSTILITY TOWARD USSR, MOVE TOWARD "EQUIDISTANCE" BETWEEN WASHINGTON/MOSCOW?; SHOULD PRC STEP UP PRESSURE FOR SETTLEMENT TAIWAN ISSUE ON OWN TERMS? POINTS OUT DOMESTIC POL, FOPOL REST ON MIL/PARTY/GOVT COALITION, WHICH UNEASILY COMBINES BOTH RADICALS/MODERATES UNDER HUA. CONCLUDES BY WARNING RADICAL/MODERATE DISTINCTION MAY BE MISLEADING BECAUSE THERE CAN BE DIFFERNT FACTIONAL ALLIANCES ON DIFFERENT ISSUES AT DIFFERENT TIMES.

LAT'S LESLIE, IN QUEMOY, DICUSSES CONTINUING PROPAGANDA WAR ON ISLAND BETWEEN NATLIST/COMMUNIST CHINESE. MANY INSULTS EXCHANGED, PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS FILL SKIES ON EVEN-NUMBERED DAYS; NON-EXPLOSIVE PROPAGANDA SHELLS FIRED ON ODD-NUMBERED DAYS. NATLISTS SAY ISLAND HAS STRATEGIC VALUE, BUT ALSO PSYCHOLOGICALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT HOLDS "SLENDER REED" ON WHICH BASED HOPE FOR RETURN TO MAINLAND.

14. KOREA

UPI TOKYO (BALTO N-A 8/25) STATES SUPERBLY-TRAINED 25-DIV KPA ISN'T GOING FAR, UNLESS PRC/SOV SUPPLY GASOLINE, ASSURE FULL ECON SUPPORT. THUS OPINES DMZ TENSIONS UNLIKELY ESCALATE INTO SHOOTING WAR.

REUTER (CSM 8/26) SEES US-LED UNC/NK MOVING TOWARD EASING TENSIONS. REVIEWS MAC MEETING WED; SAYS SK PRESS NOTED "UNUSUAL" THAT NK DEL MADE NO REFERENCE US MOVEMENTS/EXERCISES.

ROK EMB INFO OFCR SU DOC KIM LETTER (8/26) CHARGES WP "FAR FROM ACCURATE" IN EARLIER CHESHIRE MCALLISTER REPORTS SK ASSYMAN OFFERED REP BONKER (WASH) 2,000 DOL GOLD WATCH, UNCLASSIFIED

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"ATTRACTIVE WOMAN." AFTER CHECKING WITH BONKER/ASSYMAN, WROTE LETTERREPORTING TRUTH OF MATTER TO WP/CHIS-T. RE-STATES FACT WATCH ORDINARY DIGITAL MODEL, WORTH 23 DOLS; GIVEN AS BONA FIDE GIFT. QUOTES BONKER LETTER, THAT NEVER CONSIDERED GESTURE AS BRIBE, NOR ASSUMED LINKED TO ISSUES BEFORE CONGRESS. CHARGES BONKER AIDE, WHO SPECULATED

"BRIBERY OF SEX; INVOLVED IN ROUTINE EMB REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT FOR ASSYMAN/WIFE, AND WP REPORTER WHO BLEW UP INTO

STORY, BOTH LACKING IN "MINIMUM DECENCY."

PORTLAND (ORE) JOURNAL (8/24) SAYS LAST THING FORD WANTS IS WAR IN KOREA. SK MAY NOT HAVE KIND GOVT WIDELY ADMIRER IN US, BUT NK IS WORSE. HOPES TIME WILL COME WHEN US CAN REDUCE PRESENCE, BUT MUCH WILL DEPEND ON NK POSTURE/ACTIONS.

OREGONIAN (8/24) TERMS TREE-CUTTING "SYMBOLIC GESTURE." WOULD BE MISTAKE FOR US "CUT AND RUN" IN FACE OF NK ACTS/ DEMANDS FOR WITHDRAWAL. OPINES AVOIDANCE WAR MAY BE BEST CAN HOPE FOR. APPROVES PROPER STANCE TAKEN BY FORD/CARTER.

CDN'S BEECH (OREGONIAN 8/25) SAYS SK DISSENT VIRTUALLY DEAD. NOTES TREE INCIDENT SEEMS CONCERN OLD JOKE--"WHEN PARK NEEDS SOME TENSION" JUSTIFY REPRESSION, CALLS KIM IL SUNG AND ORDERS UP INCIDENT.

PROF JOSEPH HA (LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE) LETTER TO OREGONIAN (8/25) STATES US IN SK TO PRESERVE MIL/ECON BALANCE, NOT FOSTER DEMOCRACY. WARNS ABRUPT WITHDRAWAL WOULD DISRUPT MAJOR POWER BALANCE, INVITE JAPANESE REARMAMENT, REDUCE US CREDIBILITY WITH PRC. STATES MAJOR US FOPOLICY GOAL SHOULD BE CONTAINMENT OF SOV, URGES US CONTINUE TRY PERSUADE MAJOR POWERS RECOGNIZE BOTH KOREAS.

SAAR (WP) REVIEWS HISTORY PANJUNJOM TRUCE SITE FROM TENT VILLAGE 1953 TO PRESENT. DISCUSSES TREE, CITES UNCONFIRMED REPORTS EARLIER ATTEMPT TRIM IT REBUFFED BY NKOREANS. IF SO, SEEMS SUGGEST PRIOR CONSULTATION OR PROVISION ADEQUATE SECURITY FORCE MIGHT HAVE PREVENTED DEATHS. QUOTES HAK REMARK, "WHATEVER MERITS OF DISPUTE ABOUT TREE" NOTHING COULD JUSTIFY "PREMEDITATED" ACT OF MURDER (PHOTO OF TREE, FATAL UNCLASSIFIED

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NK ATTACK, UNC UNIT CUTTING DOWN POPLAR WITH CHAIN SAW).

CHIS-T (8/24) STATES US "WISELY DECIDED" CHOP DOWN TREE, THUS SHOWED NK, REST OF WORLD LEGITIMATE ACTIVITIES COULD NOT BE STYMIED BY FORCE. BUT WISDOM TURNED INTO IRRATIONALITY WHEN DOD DECIDED SCRAMBLE B-52 ARMADA, OTHER AIRCRAFT- ALL THAT FIREPOWER SUGGESTS US WILLING RISK WWII OVER INCIDENT THAT DID NOT MERIT SUCH EXCESSIVE RESPONSE. IF US DOES NOT EXERT RESTRAINT, CAUTIONS OTHERS--LESS RESPONSIBLE- CAN HARDLY BE EXPECTED DO SO.

BALTO N-A (8/26) DECLARES MEGALOMANIAC KIM IL SUNG PROVED AGAIN LAST WK IS DANGEROUSLY IRRESPONSIBLE. BELIEVES ATROCITY TOO WELL TIMED TO COLOMBO/UNGA TO HAVE BEEN SPORADIC ERUPTION. STATES US CERTAINLY WANTS NO REOPENING

KOREAN WAR, NEITHER DOES PRC/USSR/ANY OTHER FE NATION.

ALTHO BELATED APOLOGY, OF SORTS, SEEMS SHOW KIM IL SUNG REALIZED HIS SHOCKING MISCALCULATION, BESTIALITY OF ATTACK IN JSA WARNS HE COULD EASILY SET FLAME TO WHOLE AREAS, AS DID 1950.

HARSCH (CSM) HIGHLIGHTES TWO "FLASH POINTS" ALONG OLD COLD-WAR FRONTIER, GERMAN/KOREAN BORDERS, WHERE BOTH COMMUNIST REGIMES DISSATISFIED WITH PRESENT FRONTIERS. THO KIM MAY WISH UNIFY KOREA, HAS "CRAWLED BACK REMARKABLE DISTANCE" WITH EXPRESSION "REGRETTING" KILLINGS AT PANMUNJOM. OPINES REASONABLE ASSUME CHINESE NEIGHBORS QUIETLY TOLD HIM "KNOCK IT OFF."

ROK PRESS ATTACHE TOH SANG MOON LETTER NYT STATES BRUTAL MURDER AT PANMUNJOM SHOWS KIND OF ADVERSARY SK FACING. REGRETS SOME CRITICS WHO DON'T LIVE UNDER THREAT OF NK GUNS BELIEVE ROK WARNINGS EXAGGERATED.

PROF KWAN HA YIM (MANHATTANVILLE COLL) LETTER TO NYT DECLARES RUSHING B-52S, MIDWAY, OTHER REINFORCEMENTS TO SCENE SURELY IS "HEIGHT OF ANOMALY." NO ONE CAN AFFORD NEW WAR IN KOREA, BECAUSE MAY WELL BE FOUGHT WITH NUKES, WITH FAR WIDER EFFECT BEYOND KOREA. THO US INITIAL REACTION RESTRAINED, BELIEVES PUBLIC CALL FOR REPARATIONS BY UNCLASSIFIED

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HAK PAVED WAY FOR FURTHER ESCALATION, NOT UNLIKE KIND THAT DREW US INTO VN WAR. WARNS THOSE WHO STAND ON TINDER BOX NOT PLAY WITH FIRE.

WSTAR'S O'LEARY (8/26) SAYS INFORMED OFFICIALS CREDIT PRC TO LARGE EXTENT FOR ABRUPT SWITCH BY NK FROM PARANOID AGGRESSIVENESS TO SORT OF REASONABLENESS IN WAKE PANMUNJOM MURDERS. NOT KNOWN WHETHER SOV ALSO HAD HAND IN APPARENT CHANGE NK POSTURE. RECALLS HAK MET PRCLO'S HUANG CHEN DAY OF INCIDENT, AND INFORMED OFFICIALS BELIEVE CHINESE TOLD NKOREANS WOULD BE ON OWN IF STARTED NEW WAR. NOTES CURRENT REDUCTION NK WOULD NOT DARE TAKE ON US/SK W/O PRC SUPPORT. WHATEVER TRANSPIRED AMONG COMMUNIST NATIONS INVOLVED, NOTES NK RESPONSE TO US SABRE-RATTLING MODERATE AS WILDEST OPTIMIST COULD HAVE HOPED.

15. THAILAND

KARNOW (GLOBE) RECALLS HIS UNCEREMONIOUS EXPULSION FROM THAILAND 8 YRS AGO AMID OBSERVATIONS HIS COMMENTS UNDERMINED ANTI-COMMUNIST EFFORT. SAYS THEN ACCUSED FAVORING POSITION THAIS HAVE SINCE ADOPTED. ASSERTS IN THAILAND US WAS BUILDING POLICY ON FLIMSY FOUNDATIONS: ILLUSION THAT THAIS WERE STAUNCH ALLIES WHEN THAIS ACTUALLY SHREWDLY

HEDGING BETS. OPINES US FOPOLICY CANNOT BE PREDICATED ON

NOTION WE HAVE FRIENDS ABROAD; POINTS OUT NATIONS MOTIVATED
BY SELF-INTEREST THAT CHANGES WITH CIRCUMSTANCES. TRACES
US INVOLVEMENT WITH RTG, INCLUDING PROPPING UP MIL DICTATOR.
OBSERVES THAIS UNCOMFORTABLE DURING PERIOD SINCE VIOLATING
TRADITIONAL POLICY OF AVOIDING ALLIANCES. BELIEVES THAIS
CURRENTLY REGAINING AUTONOMY, CAN BE EXPECTED FLIRT WITH
PRC, USSR, VN, US SIMULTANEOUSLY. CONCLUDES THAIS BACK TO
NORMAL BEHAVIOR - AND SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED. KISSINGER

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